

REMARKS

Double Patenting

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-12, 14, 16, and 17 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 4, 6-8, 11-12, 20-21, and 24-28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,924,027.

Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection.

Applicant, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-12, 14, 16, and 17 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

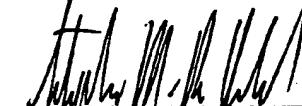
The Examiner has rejected claim 19 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 4-9, 11-14, 19-21, 24, and 27-28 of U.S. Patent No. 6,924,027 in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,620,515. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the rejection. Applicant, respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections of claim 19 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call Stephen M. De Clerk at (408) 720-8300.

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No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested
is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account
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